

**Rules and Policies
of
Umpqua United Soccer Club (UUSC)**

a Not-for-profit Corporation

**ARTICLE 1
Participation, Registration, and Fees**

Rule 101 Participation

Section 1. A participating player, parent, coach, referee, and other volunteer shall abide by the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Rules and Policies of UUSC and shall always act in a manner consistent with the interests of UUSC.

Section 2. Players, parents, coaches, referees, and other volunteers are participants of UUSC through their registered participation with teams or other official entity of UUSC and are subject to the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Rules and Policies of UUSC.

Section 3. Recreational teams participating with UUSC may not play games with non participating teams without written approval by UUSC. Permission will normally be granted for occasional "friendship" games but not for games that provide the benefits of UUSC participation to non-participating teams without their acceptance of related obligations. Teams which fail to obtain the required written approval can be subject to disciplinary action including suspension from UUSC.

Section 4. All players, coaches, or teams that are not part of an organization recognized by OYSA/US Club Soccer, within the territorial jurisdiction of UUSC, shall be deemed as a "non-participating organization." Teams and individuals not participants with UUSC may be allowed to participate in UUSC activities or programs upon complying with UUSC's requirements. Permission will normally be granted for occasional "friendship" games but not where it is deemed that such games bestow the benefits of UUSC participation to non-participating teams without acceptance of the related obligations.

Section 5. Non-participating leagues, organizations or groups may request participation at any time. Such participation is subject to the non-participating league, organization or group's stated willingness to adhere to Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Rules and Policies of UUSC, OYSA/US Club Soccer, and USYSA. A non-participating league, organization, or group's request for participation must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors for approval.

Rule 102 Registration and Fees

Section 1. All players, coaches, and other registrants, whether competitive or recreational, shall register with and abide by UUSC Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Rules and Policies.

Section 2. Every player and coach on every team that participates or plays in programs administered, sponsored, supported, and/or sanctioned by UUSC must be registered with UUSC and OYSA/US Club Soccer. No player or coach may participate in any UUSC administered, sponsored, supported, and/or sanctioned activity unless they are registered with UUSC and OYSA/US Club Soccer.

Section 3. Registration fees for all players are due and payable to UUSC prior to such player's first regularly scheduled practice, unless otherwise provided for by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. A player is registered with UUSC from the moment that player or the player's parent or legal guardian completes the UUSC Online Registration Process as required and pays the appropriate fees to UUSC.

Section 5. UUSC shall be responsible for ensuring the proper registration of players, coaches, other volunteers and officials accurately accounting for fiscal transactions with prompt reporting of registration data and shall submit all forms and fees to OYSA/US Club Soccer on a timely basis.

Section 6. Formal registration of all players and coaches, recreational or competitive, shall take place prior to the season for which that registration pertains, whether it is fall, winter, spring, or summer. Competitive players must sign player contracts for commitment to that team.

Section 7. Any player, coach, and/or team determined to be in bad standing will not be allowed to participate in any UUSC authorized activities. Reasons for a player, coach, and/or team to be considered in bad standing include but are not limited to:

- a. non-payment of fees
- b. excessive disciplinary infractions
- c. actions deemed to be not in the best interest of UUSC
- d. non-compliance with UUSC Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Rules and Policies

Section 8. UUSC must register with OYSA/US Club Soccer each and every player, coach,

and team that is administered sponsored, supported, and/or sanctioned by UUSC, whether male or female, participants of a traveling team, competitive team, indoor team, or recreational team.

Section 9. A player registration fee will be established each season to pay for necessary program expenses including but not limited to an accident reimbursement plan, liability insurance, UUSC office administration, general operating expenses, field maintenance and development, and OYSA/US Club Soccer dues. UUSC is authorized to set its own registration fee, subject to approval by the Board of Directors. Only the UUSC President or the authorized agent that collects the registration fees can authorize a refund of any or all of the registration fees. The registration fees are not refundable after the first game has been played.

Section 10. While it is expected that all players or parents of players pay their way, it is recognized that some players may not be able to pay the full registration fee because of severe financial hardship. UUSC may set its own standards for waiving all or a portion of the registration fee. Such waiver policies shall be approved by the Board of Directors. OYSA/US Club Soccer portion of the registration fee cannot be waived except by application and a showing of severe hardship. Players or parents receiving a waiver of all or a portion of the registration fee are required to volunteer their services to UUSC in such areas as coaching, coordinating, fundraising or as needed for an amount of time commensurate with the amount of fees waived.

Section 11. Definitions

a. Registration - The signing of intent to play the sport of soccer and the paying of fees to become a participant of Umpqua United Soccer Club (UUSC) in the Recreational League or the Competitive League.

b. Registered Player – A participant whose parent or legal guardian has completed the UUSC registration. Unregistered participants are strictly prohibited from playing matches or practicing with a UUSC recreational or competitive team.

c. Rostering – Assignment of a registered player to a recreational or competitive team.

d. Recreational Team – Team for which the use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process to roster players on the basis of talent or ability is prohibited.

e. Competitive Team – A team formed on the basis of player ability or talent as determined through the use of a tryout that is publicly advertised and open to any eligible player who wishes to participate.

f. Player contract – formal contract committing said player to all season games, tournaments, and practices as deemed by the head coach.

g. Guest Player – A UUSC or OYSA/US Club Soccer registered player rostered on another UUSC or OYSA/US Club Soccer team participating in a competition or a tournament for a UUSC recreational or competitive team to which the player is not rostered as a result of tryouts for the purpose of league play and is substituting a rostered player's place on a single-game basis. Such guest players shall wear the substituted rostered player's official uniform. Guest player approval must be coordinated at least one week or seven (7) days in advance. All guest players must be facilitated by coaches during interclub guest play. All intraclub guest play must be approved by club DOC or TD.

g. Additional Player – A non-UUSC or non-OYSA/US Club Soccer registered and rostered player participating in a competition(s) or a tournament(s) for a UUSC competitive team to which the player is not rostered as a result of tryouts for the purpose of league play but is added to the roster after the midpoint of the competitive season. Prior to any such participation, an additional player(s) must pay a pro-rated registration fee.

In the event that a competitive team's number of originally rostered players drops to a point of jeopardizing the remaining competitive team's league schedule, the midpoint requirement of this Rule will be waived with prior approval from the Player Development Committee.

ARTICLE 2 Recreational League

Section 1. All Rules and Policies contained herein shall pertain to all play in the Recreational League with specifications as noted below.

Section 2. U6 Development Model:

- a. Game playing numbers of players shall be 3 vs. 3 with a small-sided game format.
- b. There shall be no referees. Only coaches are allowed on the field with the players.
- c. No score shall be recorded.
- d. There shall be no penalty kicks whatsoever.
- e. There shall be no off-sides calls made.
- f. There shall be no goalkeepers.
- g. All teams shall be co-ed.

Section 3. U7/U8 Development Model:

- a. Game playing numbers of players shall be 4 vs. 4 with a small-sided game format.
- b. There shall be no off-sides calls made.
- c. There shall be no slide tackling.
- d. Improper throw-ins shall be given back to the same player for a re-throw.
- e. There shall be no goalkeepers.

Section 4. U9/U10 Development Model:

- a. Game playing numbers of players shall be 9 vs. 9 with a small-sided game format.
- b. Penalty kicks will be assessed as a result of an infraction.
- c. Off-sides will be called by referees.
- d. There shall be no slide tackling.
- e. Improper throw-ins shall not be given a re-throw.
- f. There shall be goalkeepers.

Section 5. U11 Development Model:

- a. Game playing numbers of players shall be 9 vs. 9 with a small-sided game format.
- b. Penalty kicks will be assessed as a result of an infraction.
- c. Off-sides will be called by referees.
- d. Front and side slide tackling is allowed.
- e. Improper throw-ins shall not be given a re-throw.
- f. There shall be goalkeepers.

Section 6. U12-18 Development Model:

- a. Game playing numbers of players shall be 11 vs. 11.
- b. Penalty kicks will be assessed as a result of an infraction.
- c. Off-sides will be called by referees.
- e. Front and side slide tackling is allowed.
- f. Improper throw-ins shall not be given a re-throw.
- g. There shall be goalkeepers.

ARTICLE 3
Competitive League

Rule 301 Player Development Committee

Section 1. All Rules and Policies contained herein shall pertain to all play in the Competitive League with specifications as noted below.

Section 2. The UUSC Player Development Committee shall be composed of the following members:

- a. The Director of Competition acting as Chair.
- b. The UUSC Technical Director.
- c. The Competitive Registrar.
- d. Three members of the Board of Directors as appointed.
- e. One member who is not on the Board of Directors as appointed.

Section 3. The duties of the Player Development Committee shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a. Oversee the formation of and support competitive teams.
- b. Select coaches for competitive teams.
- c. Arrange for the training of competitive coaches.
- d. Administer within the guidelines of UUSC competitive teams to play the OYSA/US Club Soccer State and SOCL leagues.
- e. Designate one member as secretary to record and forward minutes of the Committee to the UUSC Secretary for inclusion with the regular Board meetings minutes.
- f. Maintain a list of approved evaluators who will fairly and objectively evaluate players who are trying out for a competitive team.
- g. Uphold the Rules and Policies herein in all of its deliberations, striving to be as consistent as possible while at the same time making decisions for exceptions that take into consideration the long-term best interests of UUSC and the individuals involved. No exception granted to these Rules and Policies in a specific instance implies or explicitly changes these Rules and Policies in future actions without the approval of the UUSC Board of Directors.

Rule 302 Head Coach Selection for Competitive Teams

Section 1. The Player Development Committee shall be the selection committee for UUSC competitive team head coaches. Head coaches will be selected by a majority vote of those committee members present at a meeting of the Player Development Committee convened for the purpose of selecting head coaches.

Section 2. Prior to tryouts, UUSC will advertise the need for head coaches for all competitive team positions. Such advertising will include where to obtain and how to submit an application and the deadline for submitting the completed application. Posting the need for head coaches on the UUSC website shall be sufficient advertising for the purpose of this section.

Section 3. The number of head coaches selected will be determined by the Player Development Committee based on the number of players anticipated in each age bracket from U11 to U14.

Section 4. The competitive team head coach will be selected from all properly submitted applications and/or candidates solicited by the Player Development Committee.

Section 5. Any member of the Player Development Committee with a conflict of interest in the selection of a competitive team head coach will excuse him/herself from the process until a decision is made for that team.

Section 6. The criteria used in the selecting of head coaches of competitive teams shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a. Must have the ability to positively represent UUSC to players, fellow coaches, parents, referees, and opponents.
- b. Must have adequate coaching experience.
- c. Must have coaching ability as described by UUSC Technical Director.
- d. Must have the proper coaching licenses and certificates as required in Rule 1803, Sections 3 and 4.
- e. Must have a clear disciplinary record with UUSC and OYSA/US Club Soccer.

Section 7. UUSC will announce all head coaches of competitive teams once they have been selected by the Player Development Committee.

Section 8. All competitive teams must have at least one (1) assistant coach. The assistant coach or coaches will be appointed by the competitive team head coach with the approval of the Player Development Committee. All assistant coaches shall possess, be in the process of obtaining, or agree to obtain an OYSA/US Club Soccer "E" License at the earliest local opportunity.

Rule 303 Coach Requirements for Competitive Teams

Section 1. All competitive coaches shall submit to and clear an OYSA/US Club Soccer and USYS background and criminal screening as required in Rule 1802, Section 1 at least once a seasonal year.

Section 2. All competitive head coaches must attend a coaches meeting prior to their respective seasons during which time each of them shall read and sign the UUSC Coaches Agreement. Coaches must attend all mandatory meetings and return all equipment in order to remain in good standing with UUSC.

Section 3. All competitive team head coaches shall have at a minimum an OYSA/US Club Soccer "E" License as required in Rule 1803, Sections 3 and 4.

Section 4. All competitive team head coaches shall possess or be in the process of obtaining an OYSA/US Club Soccer "D" License.

Section 5. A competitive team head coach shall be responsible for only one competitive team per season, unless otherwise authorized by the TC or PDC.

Section 6. All competitive team head coaches' responsibilities shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a. Must insure that his/her competitive team is attired in the official UUSC uniform.
- b. Must meet all of the team's financial responsibilities.
- c. Must practice the Coaches Code of Conduct as described in the Coaches Agreement to the letter and spirit of intent.
- d. Must follow Rule 1804 in this UUSC Rules and Policies which outlines coaches' behavior.
- e. Must understand the rules of the game and the rules of the league in which his/her team is competing.
- f. Must have open and frequent communication with the parents/legal guardians of the players of his/her competitive team.
- g. Must support adherence to the player contract.

Section 7. It is the policy of UUSC that each competitive team competes in at least two (2) competitive tournaments each calendar year. Competitive team head coaches must receive permission from the TD before registering for any tournament at any time. Player commitment to these tournaments is indicated in the contract.

Section 8. All competitive teams must participate under the corporate logo of UUSC and wear UUSC approved uniforms.

Section 9. All competitive teams must raise their own money to pay for tournament entry fees either through charging players and/or parents/legal guardians for a share of these fees or through holding their own fundraising events as approved by the Player Development Committee.

Section 10. In the event that a competitive team dissolves or becomes defunct, all assets remaining after payment of all debts and obligations shall be distributed either to the UUSC general operating budget or to another competitive team that still participates in a UUSC

administered, sanctioned, supported, and/or sponsored program.

Rule 304 Player Selection and Tryouts for Competitive Teams

Section 1. It is the policy of UUSC that all competitive teams playing in OYSA/US Club Soccer and SOCL leagues shall be formed through open and fairly evaluated tryouts that have been publicly advertised.

Section 2. It is the policy of UUSC that it is in the best interest of the developing soccer player to play at his/her own age level.

Section 3. It is the policy of UUSC that the strongest competitive team possible at each and every age level be formed.

Section 4. Multiple competitive teams shall be formed at a given age level only when there are sufficient numbers of competitive-level players at tryouts to form more than one competitive team and when doing so there are still sufficient numbers of players to allow for a viable recreational program to continue to function.

Section 5. When more than one competitive team is formed at an age level, the competitive teams shall be formed such that one is the stronger or strongest in skill, ability, and effort and in descending order of strength thereafter rather than having teams that are of approximately equal strength.

Section 6. The parent/legal guardian of a player who is trying out for a competitive team must first complete and submit an online tryout pre-registration and pay all necessary tryout fees before that player is allowed to tryout.

Section 7. A pre-registration meeting may be held each year prior to tryouts for the U11 to U14 competitive teams for the upcoming season. The purposes of this pre-registration meeting are to educate players and parents/legal guardians of competitive play, to accept registration forms and birth certificates, to allow questions or concerns to be raised, to pass out information packets, to read and sign parent/legal guardian and player code of conduct forms, and to offer the players and parents/legal guardians the opportunity to meet the coaches. Player contracts must be signed in order to be on the roster. Failure to sign a player contract will result in disqualification from that roster.

Section 8. Official tryouts for U11 to U14 competitive teams will take place each spring either during or at the end of the recreational season. Supplemental tryouts for U11 to U14, if necessary, must occur immediately following the Fall Season during the months of November or December upon approval of the Player Development Committee. In the case of U15 to U19 competitive teams, Official tryouts for either winter or spring competitive

teams will take place after the end of the OSAA high school season and playoffs and upon approval of the Player Development Committee.

Section 9. Supplemental tryouts may be conducted in a less formal manner than official tryouts with the competitive team head coach in charge of the tryout and he/she may appoint evaluators as he/she sees appropriate. However, the tryouts shall still be conducted in an open and fair manner to allow any interested player to receive an objective evaluation.

Supplemental tryouts as per Section 8 of this Rule are defined as those tryouts other than official tryouts which occur in the spring to fill vacancies on a team or to add players up to a limit of 18 players on a roster.

If a competitive team loses a player(s) after the allowed period of Supplemental tryouts as a result of an unforeseen or unusual circumstance causing the team to have to replace that player(s), that competitive team may conduct a subsequent supplemental tryout upon approval of the Player Development Committee. This subsequent tryout must still meet the definition of a Supplemental tryout as defined in this section 9 of Rule 304.

Section 10. Official tryouts shall be conducted by independent evaluators. These evaluators shall not be associated with the competitive team hosting the tryout in order to insure that each player trying out has an opportunity for a fair and objective evaluation. The Director of Competition will select the needed number of evaluators from an approved list of evaluators who have been selected in advance by the Player Development Committee.

Section 11. Separate tryouts will be held at each age level for both males and females.

Section 12. During tryouts players will be ranked in their demonstrated ability and technical skill in specific drills. Competitive teams will be formed according to those rankings. Players will be expected to accept the team for which they are selected according to those rankings. If a player declines to accept the team for which he/she is selected then that player must return to the Recreational League until the next tryouts, unless the player selects another competitive team in a different age level that he/she has tried out for and made in the current tryout period. Acceptance to the team will be finalized by signing the player contract.

Section 13. In the event that a player is unable to attend or participate in tryouts due to injury, illness, a family event, or other unforeseen reasons, a supplementary tryout may be held. A supplementary tryout may also be held if a competitive team needs to fill open roster positions. All supplementary tryouts must be approved by the Director of Competition. All supplementary tryouts shall be conducted in such a manner as the official tryouts as defined in Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of this Rule.

Rule 305 Evaluation at Tryouts and Formation of Competitive Teams

Section 1. The UUSC Technical Director shall provide player assessment guidelines and suggestions on conducting a fair tryout to the competitive team head coach and evaluators prior to tryouts.

Section 2. With input and guidance from the UUSC Technical Director and Director of Competition, each competitive team's head evaluator shall be in charge of and conduct the tryouts for that age division planning and executing the specific activities and schedule for that tryout session.

Section 3. Evaluators should take legible notes on all players using the UUSC player evaluation scoring form provided. Evaluators shall strive to be fair, impartial, and consistent when scoring players.

Section 4. Evaluators should communicate only amongst themselves and not discuss any results with any player. All data and results shall remain confidential.

Section 5. At the close of each tryout, the evaluators will meet to discuss the results and rank each player from strongest down in order to form the competitive team according to UUSC policies.

Section 6. An evaluator must notify the competitive team head coach and UUSC Technical Director if he/she becomes aware of any conflict of interest that would prevent him/her from being impartial and objective in evaluating the tryouts he/she has been assigned to judge.

Section 7. Competitive teams will be formed at the close of the last session of tryouts based on the player rankings derived from the scoring sheets completed by the evaluators during tryouts. This process must be completed twenty-four (24) hours from the close of tryouts.

Section 8. The competitive team head coach must accept the top twelve (12) ranked players. The remainder of the roster may be filled at the discretion of the head coach based on the needs of the team with the advice from the evaluators and upon approval of the Director of Competition and the UUSC Technical Director. Any disagreements must be resolved by the Player Development Committee, and such resolution is final.

Section 9. In the event that more than one competitive team at the same age level is being formed as a result of tryouts, the competitive team designated as the stronger or strongest shall be selected first and then on down the descending order of strength.

Section 10. At the completion of the evaluation and team formation process, the competitive team head coach and the evaluators will sign the list of selected players. Along with the evaluators' scoring sheets, this list will be given to the UUSC Director of Competition for final approval.

Section 11. Notification of players will only take place after the Director of Competition has approved the competitive team's roster but never on the day of the tryouts regardless if a first-time underage player participated in the tryouts. All players present at tryouts shall be notified within one (1) week of the approval of the Director of Competition as to the status of their selection.

Rule 306 Age Eligibility of Competitive Players

Section 1. UUSC encourages all players to play at their own age level as identified by OYSA/US Club Soccer. Therefore, all players must tryout for their age appropriate level regardless if he/she tried out for an age level above his/her own age appropriate level.

Section 2. Teams in the SOCL are scheduled based on skill level. It is preferred that all age level teams do not play down; however, to develop all players, teams will be scheduled according to the decision of the PDC or TD. For Fall competitive U14 teams only, any U15 players still in the eighth grade (8th) are eligible to play on a U14 team when the Eighth Grade Certification/Waiver form, properly completed, is submitted to OYSA/US Club Soccer with that player's team registration. These players however are not eligible to play in the President's or State Cup with the U14 team.

Section 3. All players must try out in their age appropriate group. The Technical Director and PDC will determine those players who are capable of higher level play. If a player wants to be considered for playing up, they should notify the TD and PDC. A player's evaluation sheet should meet the highest score in ALL areas of the evaluation in order to be considered for playing up or a unanimous decision by the PDC and TD will be made to allow the player to play up.

Section 4. Players who previously played up must try out in their age appropriate group to be reevaluated for higher level play.

Section 5. No more than three (3) underage players shall be allowed to play up and be placed on any competitive team per an age level. In the case of multiple competitive teams per an age level, these underage players must rank within the top seven (7) players or the top (11) players of all ranked players (See Sections 4 and 5 of this Rule) for the strongest of the competitive teams in that age level to be placed on a competitive team in that age level. Exceptions to this Rule will require a unanimous vote of the Competition Committee

and are intended to be only for extreme circumstances and are expected to be very rare. This number of underage player limit does not apply to U15 to U19 players.

Section 6. An underage high school player trying out for a higher age level U15 to U19 competitive team in a duly-approved tryout must rank in the top 16 players in order to be rostered on that high school-aged competitive team.

ARTICLE 4 Developmental League

Rule 401 Name and Ages of Players Served

Section 1. The name of the UUSC developmental league shall be the UUSC Academy. The program will be open to serve the developmental needs of age-pure U10 and U11 boys and girls who desire to grow in their soccer skills and abilities in order to participate in eventual state-wide or regional premier and classic competition.

Rule 402 Mission Statement

Section 1. The purpose of the UUSC Academy shall be to develop a technically skilled and tactically advanced soccer player in order to provide a foundation in which the player can succeed at more mature levels of the game.

Rule 403 Governance

Section 1. The UUSC Academy shall operate under the direction and supervision of the Director of Development and the Player Development Committee.

Section 2. The developmental league shall operate under the same rules and policies of the Competitive League except where otherwise specified in Article 4.

Rule 404 Philosophy

Section 1. The philosophy that underlines the UUSC Academy focuses on the long-term development of each individual soccer player in the program, rather than the short-term, win-loss record of the team. Since soccer is a team sport within a club structure, occasions of team success are important and will occur, but those occasions will not come at the expense of a player's long-term developmental growth.

Rule 405 Participation

Section 1. In order to be considered for the UUSC Academy, all interested players and parents must participate in an informative Q&A “tryout” meeting with the Director of Development and the Director of Competition in order to receive proper guidance and direction as to the appropriate fit for the player in the developmental program.

Section 2. Selections will be made after proper and supportive independent evaluations of players and the aforementioned meeting with parents.

Rule 406 Program

Section 1. Teams within the UUSC Academy will train together in an “academy style” program with the emphasis on technical skill development and team tactics. Boys’ teams will be separate from girls’ teams.

Section 2. In accordance with USYSA guidelines for U11, teams in the developmental league including U10 will play a game format of 8v8 on an appropriate small-sided field.

Section 3. Players in the UUSC Academy will be considered “club players” and will not be necessarily tied to only one team if more than one team is formed. However, rosters will be formed with some permanence but with the possible flexibility in sharing of players between rosters as the coaching staff sees fit for the purposes of player development, if more than one team is formed per age group.

Section 4. Developmental team rosters will spread the skill level of players evenly among each team, if more than one team is formed per age group.

Section 5. In the fall, U11 developmental teams will participate in either the OYSA/US Club Soccer or the SOCL League. There will be no U10 developmental teams in the fall. Teams will have a fixed season-long game schedule.

Section 6. In the spring, both U10 and U11 developmental teams will participate in the SOCL and have a fixed season-long game schedule.

Section 7. For the purposes of statewide or regional tournament play, teams will be formed in order to be competitive.

ARTICLE 5 Proof of Age

Section 1. All players participating in UUSC programs are required to meet USYSA standards and furnish as proof of age one of the following documents, if necessary:

- a. Birth Certificate;
- b. Board of Health Records;
- c. Passport;
- d. Uniformed services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173) issued by the Uniformed Services of the United States;
- e. Birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency;
- f. Certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age or a certification of an American Citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency;

Hospital, baptismal or religious certificates WILL NOT be accepted to provide proof of age of a registered player.

ARTICLE 6 Age Group Definitions

Section 1. UUSC claims jurisdiction over all amateur youth soccer players within the corporation's boundaries who have not reached nineteen years of age before the first day of August of the immediately preceding seasonal year in which that player applies for registration.

Section 2. Players who attain the limiting age for any age group on or after August 1st of the seasonal year will be eligible to play in that age group for the remainder of the seasonal year.

Section 3. Each and every player shall be assigned to the appropriate division unless otherwise authorized by the Board of Directors among teams of single age grouping as follows:

- **UNDER-19** Player has not reached 19 years of age before AUGUST 1st of the immediately preceding seasonal year.
- **UNDER-16** Player has not reached 16 years of age before AUGUST 1st of the immediately preceding seasonal year.
- **UNDER-14** Player has not reached 14 years of age before AUGUST 1st of the immediately preceding seasonal year.
- **UNDER-13** Player has not reached 13 years of age before AUGUST 1st of the immediately preceding seasonal year.

- **UNDER-12** Player has not reached 12 years of age before AUGUST 1st of the immediately preceding seasonal year.
- **UNDER-11** Player has not reached 11 years of age before AUGUST 1st of the immediately preceding seasonal year.
- **UNDER-10** Player has not reached 10 years of age before AUGUST 1st of the immediately preceding seasonal year.
- **UNDER-8** Player has not reached 08 years of age before AUGUST 1st of the immediately preceding seasonal year.
- **U6** Player has not reached 06 years of age before AUGUST 1st of the immediately preceding seasonal year.

ARTICLE 7 Play-up Rule

Section 1. The Technical Director and PDC will determine any player capable of playing up. Any parent or player wishing to play up must get a unanimous approval from the TD and PDC prior to the start of the season.

Section 2. The play-up rule is to be used only for the allowance of the development of a soccer program in a geographical area or the development of an individual player.

Section 3. A recreational player may play in an age group younger than that for which he or she is eligible according to the above age group classification only with prior approval from the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Once a player has been awarded to play-up and has participated on that team, the player will not be allowed to withdraw from that team in order to return to his/her age appropriate level until the end of the season.

ARTICLE 8 Misrepresentation of Information

Section 1. Any altering or falsifying of proof of age documents or any misrepresentation of age, residence, or school attended may result in both disqualification of the player from further UUSC play as well as forfeiture of all games by the team on which the player played.

Section 2. A team playing a player who is over-age or who is not properly registered as a participant with UUSC or who is improperly entered on a team's roster shall forfeit the game(s) in which that player takes part.

Section 3. Any individual including but not limited to a coach, player, parent/legal guardian who knowingly falsifies records, documents, registration forms, player passes or in any other matter or manner shall be immediately suspended from further participation in UUSC pending a hearing as per Bylaw 501, Section 2, Section 3, and Bylaw 502.

ARTICLE 9 Formation of Teams

Section 1. All recreational players will be assigned to a roster in an random fashion, and requests for certain coaches or teammates will not be honored. Subsequent criteria for assigning a player to a particular team shall be the date of the online registration and the date of payment receipt in the UUSC office. If at any point that roster is considered full by the UUSC registrar, players will be assigned to a team with the fewest number of players.

Section 2. If there is an insufficient amount of players on a roster, then those players on that team roster can be assigned to teams that are either near the school those players attend or to team rosters that are short on players. If a player is home-schooled, then that player can be assigned to a team roster that is either near that player's primary residence or to a team roster that is short on players.

Section 3. UUSC makes no commitment to honor special requests for team assignment. However, UUSC understands that in specific circumstances a player may need to be assigned to a certain team roster. Although no official of UUSC including but not limited to coaches and other participants can guarantee such special requests, they may be considered and made only by the Director of Recreational.

ARTICLE 10 Residency Requirements

Section 1. All residents of Douglas County will be phased into playing on randomly assigned teams. For Spring 2013, all Roseburg and Winston residents are randomly assigned to teams. For Fall 2013, Glide residents will be incorporated into random team assignment. For Spring 2014, Sutherlin residents will be incorporated into random team assignments. For Fall 2014, Myrtle Creek and other South County players will be incorporated into random team assignments.

ARTICLE 11

Multiple Rostering

Section 1. Players may not be registered nor play on more than one recreational team supported, sponsored, or sanctioned by UUSC at the same time.

Section 2. Under rare instances, a recreational player may be allowed to be a guest player on another age-appropriate recreational team on a game-by-game basis only with the prior approval from the respective Division Coordinator and the Director of Recreational. A supplemental roster will be issued for the team requesting the guest player for use only in the game in which the guest player participates. This participation must not interfere with the games of the recreational team releasing the player to be a guest player.

ARTICLE 12 Player Recruitment

Section 1. No coach, administrator, or official of UUSC shall persist in unwelcome attempts to secure a player's services after the player or his/her parents or legal guardian have indicated their decision not to participate in a UUSC administered, sponsored, supported, and/or sanctioned activity. Such attempts may be subject to disciplinary action.

Section 2. Recreational players may be invited to tryout by competitive teams or coaches after the start of the recreational season through the following season's coaches meeting. After the recreational coaches' meeting, all recreational players are assigned to their individual teams and cannot be recruited by competitive teams or coaches.

Section 3. Competitive division players cannot be recruited by recreational teams or coaches once that player has been assigned to a competitive team. Such recruitment may be subject to disciplinary action.

Section 4. Recreational players can be temporarily assigned to a competitive team for the purpose of filing a team roster for tournament play. This assignment may be done only if the recreational player's team has no games scheduled for the day(s) of the tournament (such as Rogue Valley Cup, State Games, or similar situations). The player's status must be returned to his/her recreational team immediately following the tournament.

ARTICLE 13 Player Advancement

Section 1. Coaches, administrators, and other UUSC officials are pledged to assist players in reaching the highest level of play that his/her skills, desires, and/or inclinations permit

within a UUSC administered, sponsored, supported, and/or sanctioned program.

Section 2. Those individuals who interfere with or subvert the efforts of others to help players reach these goals may be subject to disciplinary action. Such activity includes but is not limited to actively discouraging a player from trying out for a competitive team.

Section 3. Disciplinary action will not apply to an individual who attempts to maintain the viability of an established team that is playing for that season in which player advancement would cause the team to drop below the number of players needed to field a team resulting in its disbandment.

ARTICLE 14 Player Transfer

Section 1. No recreational or competitive team shall roster any player who was previously assigned to another team during the season unless a written request stating the reason for this action has been made to and approved by the PDC or TD in advance. Any coach, parent, or team manager who actively recruits a player who has already made a commitment to another team may be subject to disciplinary action.

ARTICLE 15 Player Release

Section 1. No recreational or competitive team shall release, voluntarily or involuntarily, any player from its roster during the season unless a written request stating the reason for this action has been made to and approved by the UUSC Board of Directors in advance.

Section 2. A recreational or competitive team may release involuntarily a player from its roster only if the player is unable to play for one of the following reasons:

- a. The player has violated rules of OYSA/US Club Soccer, USYSA, and/or UUSC.
- b. The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what constitutes a reasonable travel distance is subject to the interpretation of the UUSC Board of Directors.
- c. The player is injured in such a manner that the player is unable to participate for the remainder of the season.

ARTICLE 16 Tournaments

Section 1. Recreational or competitive teams may be formed without respect to current UUSC team restrictions for the expressed purpose of playing in tournaments only.

Section 2. Recreational team coaches must receive permission from the UUSC Director of Recreational before registering for any tournament at any time.

ARTICLE 17 Game Eligibility

Section 1. All recreational and competitive teams shall possess a completed and official team roster that is issued by the UUSC Registrar, supported by copies of the players and coaches' completed and signed registration forms and/or player cards. Late submissions of players may be accepted only to fill teams that are short players but their names must appear on the aforementioned roster.

ARTICLE 18 Rules of Play

Rule 1801 FIFA Laws

Section 1. FIFA Laws shall govern UUSC play except as modified herein.

Rule 1802 Sportsmanship

Section 1. The common goal of UUSC among all participants, officials, administrators, and Board of Directors is to inspire youth to practice the ideals of good sportsmanship and fair play. Any individual including but not limited to those listed above whose behavior detracts from this purpose shall be subject to disciplinary action. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, assistant coaches, parents, and spectators.

Section 2. As such, no recreational team participating in a UUSC sanctioned, supported, or administered program shall win a competition against another recreational team by more than a goal margin of seven (7). If such a team fails to comply with this Rule, the game will be entered into the record as a forfeit. The opposing team will be considered the victor and the non-complying team will be the forfeiter.

Rule 1803 The Field of Play

Section 1. Field Dimensions: FIFA Law provides for the flexible external field dimensions within a given maximum and minimum width and length. These dimensions should be adhered to for all fields used by teams in U12 and older.

Section 2. Competitive League Fields: Fields used within the competitive program

must be a minimum of 100 x 60 yards.

Section 3. Recreational League Fields: The dimensions of fields used by recreational teams will follow OYSA/US Club Soccer recommendations and guidelines whenever practical.

Dimensions: The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line.

U6: Length: minimum 20 yards maximum 30 yards
Width: minimum 15 yards maximum 25 yards

U7/U8: Length: minimum 25 yards maximum 35 yards
Width: minimum 20 yards maximum 30 yards

U9/U10: Length: minimum 45 yards maximum 60 yards
Width: minimum 35 yards maximum 45 yards

U12 Division: Length: minimum 70 yards maximum 80 yards
Width: minimum 45 yards maximum 55 yards

U14–U18: Length: minimum 100 yards
Width: minimum 60 yards

Section 4. Equipment Standards: UUSC shall abide by and accept equipment standards as defined by FIFA, OYSA/US Club Soccer, and USYSA.

Section 5. Team Bench Areas: A team's bench area shall consist of that area at least one (1) yard away from the touch line and extending twenty (20) yards from the halfway line. The home team has the first choice as to where it wishes to locate its bench area. Coaches and players are required to remain within their bench area during the game. Parents and other spectators shall occupy the opposite side of the field of their respective teams.

Rule 1804 The Ball

Section 1. Size 5: Age groups U13 and older will use a size 5 ball with a circumference of 27-28 inches and a weight of 14-16 oz.

Section 2. Size 4: Age groups U9 through U12 will use a size 4 ball with a circumference of 25-26 inches and a weight of 11-13 oz.

Section 3. Size 3: Age groups U6 through U8 will use a size 3 ball with a circumference of 23-24 inches and a weight of 11-12 oz.

Rule 1805 Number of Players

Section 1. UUSC Board of Directors will determine roster sizes annually after reviewing and considering current OYSA/US Club Soccer recommendations and guidelines.

Section 2. UUSC Board of Directors will determine game playing numbers of players annually after reviewing and considering current OYSA/US Club Soccer recommendations and guidelines.

Rule 1806 Playing Time

Section 1. All recreational players on every team shall play at least fifty percent (50%) of each game.

Section 2. A coach may be permitted to not play a player fifty percent (50%) of a game due to disciplinary reasons for that player. This decision must be made after consulting first with that player's parents or legal guardian and the Director of Recreational.

Section 3. Unlimited substitutions may be allowed with the consent of the referee on any dead ball in order to comply with Section 1 of this Rule. Substitutions must be made from the centerline.

Section 4. No player will be allowed to play if he/she is bleeding or there is blood on his/her uniform. The player must be immediately substituted. The bloody uniform must be changed. The player may not return to the game until the bleeding has stopped and the wound is appropriately covered with the necessary bandages.

Rule 1807 Duration of the Game

Section 1. The length of all games shall be as follows:

- a. U18: Two (2) 45 minute halves
- b. U16: Two (2) 40 minute halves
- c. U14: Two (2) 35 minute halves
- d. U12: Two (2) 30 minute halves

- e. U9-U10: Two (2) 25 minute halves
- f. U7-U8: Four () 12 minute halves
- g. U6: Four (4) 8 minute halves

Section 2. Any game terminated after 15 minutes into the second half by the referee for reasons including but not limited to the elements or for reasons of grave disorder on part of the coaches, players, or spectators shall stand as a completed game. Any game terminated before such time shall be replayed.

Section 3. Game times may be altered for special events and/or tournaments as approved by the director of said event.

Rule 1808 Home Team

Section 1. The home team is listed first on a game schedule.

Section 2. The home team shall provide a marked field, corner flags, and three (3) game balls.

Rule 1809 Mixed Teams

Section 1. Girls are eligible to play on a boys' team with the girls' parent or guardian's permission.

Section 2. Teams with females only are girls' teams. All other teams are considered to be boys' teams for registration purposes.

Rule 1810 Protests and Conditions of the Replay of a Game(s)

Section 1. Any game which is required to be replayed as per Rule 1707, Section 2 shall be replayed on the same field as the suspended game unless otherwise agreed to by the teams' coaches.

Section 2. Any game which is required to be replayed as per Rule 1712, Section 5 shall be replayed on the same field as the original game unless otherwise agreed to be the teams' coaches.

Section 3. Any game which is required to be replayed shall be re-scheduled by the Division Coordinator in agreement with both teams' coaches.

Section 4. All games including those games as per Rule 1707, Section 2 shall be considered final. The win, lose, or tie will be entered into the record. Protests shall be allowed only with proper Protest Form completed, submitted, and protest fee paid within forty-eight (48) hours. All protests are directed to the UUSC Head Referee and Head Coach. Their agreed upon decision shall be final.

Rule 1811 Recreational Uniforms and Equipment

Section 1. Each and every player and coach must wear a UUSC-approved uniform jersey or shirt in order to participate in a game. This uniform or shirt shall display the UUSC logo on the front and, if applicable, a number on the back. Other logos on the uniform or shirt including names whether first or last must be approved in advance by the UUSC Director of Athletics. The number on the back shall be at least eight (8) inches high.

Section 2. It is mandatory that all players must also wear their own footwear and shin guards in order to participate in a game. Acceptable footwear shall include sneakers or soccer cleats which meet the standards of FIFA Law 4. Football or baseball cleats are forbidden.

Section 3. Coaches must have all of their players in full uniform when on the field of play, either for a game or a practice. Players must also wear shorts and socks that cover their shin guards. When weather conditions dictate, players may wear warm-ups or other clothing under their uniforms, if allowed by the referee.

Section 4. No jewelry may be worn on the field of play, either for a game or a practice. Such jewelry shall include but not be limited to watches, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, jewelry in piercings. Medical bracelets are allowed but they must be taped down to the body. Taping or covering of any jewelry is not permitted.

Section 5. No equipment, outerwear, apparel, or medical device shall be worn if it is considered harmful or dangerous to the player wearing it or to another player. Coaches shall make this determination for practices. Referees shall make this determination for games.

Section 6. Each team may be issued team equipment which could include but is not limited to the following:

- a. Two (2) soccer balls of the appropriate size for the age group;
- b. A goalkeeper's jersey;
- c. Six (6) cones as field markers and four (4) corner flags;
- d. A ball carrying bag;
- e. A first-aid kit (UUSC discretion)

- f. A coaching manual(s) or approved coaching information and instruction from UUSC or OYSA/US Club Soccer.

Coaches are required to return to their division coordinator the aforementioned UUSC-issued equipment, if so issued, promptly at the conclusion of the season.

Section 7. In the event of a conflict in jersey colors, the home team will effect a color change. Goalkeepers must wear a color that clearly distinguishes them from all other players and referees.

Section 8. All player team clothing or apparel, other than uniform, must display the official UUSC logo in a prominent location (front or back) and must be in official UUSC colors.

Rule 1812 Competitive Uniforms

Section 1. Definition

The official uniform of UUSC shall be the uniform selected by the Uniform Committee. The style and appearance of the official uniform may change from one season to the next depending on its availability and durability. This uniform will meet the official UUSC colors.

The official uniform of UUSC will consist of two numbered jerseys, one pair of shorts, and two pairs of socks as issued for wear during a competitive team's season. The official uniform will properly display the UUSC logo. The official goalkeeper uniform will also display the UUSC logo and will be of a distinct color.

The official uniform of UUSC shall be the only attire appropriate for wear during matches by a rostered competitive player participating in the UUSC Competitive Division during an active competitive team's season.

All rostered players on an active competitive team shall wear the official UUSC uniform at each and every match during a season. Each player is responsible for payment of the uniform fees and as such, owns the uniform kit.

A uniform kit will contain complete sets of official uniforms of various age appropriate sizes to accommodate each rostered competitive player on an active competitive team. In addition, each kit will contain two numbered jerseys to be used as "blood" jerseys and two official goalkeeper jerseys.

Section 2. The UUSC Uniform Coordinator shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The Uniform Coordinator shall serve on the Uniform Committee. The Uniform Coordinator shall implement and enforce the current Uniform Policy.

Section 3. U11-U19 Competitive Players' Uniforms

Each rostered competitive player will be issued a uniform at the time they are first rostered to the team. New uniforms must be purchased at the time the uniform no longer fits appropriately or at the time that the club chooses new uniforms for the entire club. Players will be responsible for full payment of the uniform cost.

Section 4. Uniform Order

A competitive team's head coach will have a deadline selected by the Uniform Coordinator to order a uniform or uniforms. This deadline will allow the head coach ample time to determine and inform the Uniform Coordinator of his/her rostered players' uniform needs.

The uniform order deadline will occur prior to the fall and spring seasons. The date will be posted on the UUSC website calendar. Each and every competitive team head coach is responsible for confirming the date of this uniform order deadline.

Since screen-printing may be required to fulfill the uniform needs of a rostered competitive player(s), this deadline will not be extended whatsoever for any competitive team or player.

Before the Uniform Coordinator completes any uniform order, the issued uniform must be returned in the case of an exchange, or paid for in the case of a replacement.

Any uniform order placed after the order deadline will have a late charge of \$15.00 in addition to any ancillary printer or screen-printing fees. This late charge must be paid at the time of the late order. The parent/guardian(s) or player(s) must pay this late charge.

Section 5. Goalkeeper Jersey and Blood Jersey

Each competitive head coach will receive two (2) goalkeeper jerseys as a part of the uniform kit. Each competitive team's goalkeeper is required to wear the goalkeeper jersey during each and every match of the competitive team's season. Jerseys will be ordered large enough for maximum use between players and seasons.

Each competitive head coach will receive two extra numbered jerseys to be used as "blood" jerseys. These jerseys are to be used only in a situation during a match in which a rostered competitive player has bloodied his/her issued uniform. These extra uniforms are not to be used to permanently replace an issued uniform.

Goalkeeper jerseys and blood jerseys will remain a part of the uniform kit and will be returned at the end of the competitive team's. No player or coach is allowed to keep the goalkeeper and blood jerseys as his/her own.

Section 6. Coaches' Attire

Each competitive team head coach and assistant coach(es) will be given a UUSC coach's polo at no cost. Only one shirt per coach will be given. Replacement and/or additional shirts are available for purchase through the Uniform Coordinator.

These shirts are the official uniform of UUSC competitive coaches. As players are required to wear a UUSC issued uniform, competitive coaches are required to wear these shirts during all matches of an active competitive team's season.

In combination with the coaches' polo, UUSC recommends that coaches wear appropriate athletic attire in order to look the part of a UUSC competitive coach.

Rule 1813 Forfeits

Section 1. A team shall forfeit a game if it fails to field the minimum number of players as per Rule 1712, Section 3 and/or a duly UUSC-registered and/or OYSA/US Club Soccer-sanctioned coach as per Article 18, Rule 1802.

Section 2. If a team meets the requirement in Rule 1712, Section 1, but fails to meet it within fifteen (15) minutes from the official start time of the game, that team must forfeit that specific game.

Section 3. The minimum number of players needed to field a team for an official game shall be as follows:

- a. For 11 vs. 11 games the minimum number shall be seven (7) players;
- b. For 8 vs. 8 games the minimum number of players shall be five (5);
- c. For 5 vs. 5 games the minimum number of players shall be four (4);
- d. For 3 vs. 3 games the minimum number of players shall be two (2).

Section 4. Once a team has forfeited a game as per Rule 1712, Section 1 and 2, the game shall be final and the result shall be entered into the record as a win for the

opposing team.

Section 5. In the event that both teams of a scheduled game fail to meet the requirement in Rule 1712, Section 1 and 2, then the game is subject to a replay as per Rule 1710, Section 2 and 3.

Rule 1814 Spectator Behavior

Section 1. Spectators shall not harangue or attempt to distract any players, coaches, linesmen, or referees. Spectators shall not make any derogatory remarks or gestures whatsoever to any players, coaches, linesmen, referees, or other spectators. Spectators shall not attempt to coach or give instruction to any player while that player is on the field of play or sideline during a game. If any spectator continues with this behavior after a warning, disciplinary action shall be taken.

Section 2. There shall be no consumption of alcoholic beverages or smoking on all fields with no exceptions whatsoever.

Section 3. Any spectator who violates Section 1 and/or 2 of this Rule shall be asked by the referees and/or coaches to leave the field for the remainder of the game.

Section 4. Spectators are encouraged to support their teams with cheers and accolades.

ARTICLE 19 Coach Selection, Requirements, Certification, and Behavior

Rule 1901 Coach Selection

Section 1. UUSC will make every attempt to secure the services of volunteer parents or other responsible individuals to serve as coaches and assistant coaches (known as "coaches" or "coach") for each team. The coaches are responsible for the technical soccer development and training of all players as individuals and as a team. Coaches are also responsible for all team communication and coordination.

Rule 1902 Coach Requirements

Section 1. All coaches must submit to and clear an OYSA/US Club Soccer and USYS background and criminal screening at least once a seasonal year. Any coach who does not clear this background check will not be allowed to participate in any UUSC sanctioned, sponsored, supported, or administered program.

Section 2. All coaches must attend an orientation meeting prior to receiving his/her team roster or conducting a team practice. All coaches must also read and sign the UUSC Coaches Agreement prior to each season.

Section 3. All coaches shall be responsible for reporting scores to their respective Division Coordinator after each game to assure that the team standings are correct at the end of the season.

Section 4. Any team head coach must be eighteen (18) years of age or older. Assistant coaches may be younger than eighteen (18) years of age but not younger than sixteen (16) years of age. Such an assistant coach must never be solely responsible for the players during any UUSC activity. Should a duly qualified head coach not be present during such a UUSC activity, the practice must be cancelled or postponed and a game shall not commence or shall be forfeited. UUSC expressly forbids any violation of this Rule.

Section 5. All coaches, competitive and recreational, must attend or participate once a seasonal year in a Risk Management Workshop prior to receiving his/her team roster or conducting a team practice.

Rule 1903 Coach Qualifications

Section 1. Coaches are strongly encouraged to attend training courses or coaching clinics to improve their understanding of the game of soccer and to improve their ability to teach their players. Coaches are also strongly encouraged to pursue coaching certifications. Depending on budget constraints, coaches may be partially or fully reimbursed for the cost of obtaining such certifications.

Section 2. For completion purposes the following will be the recognized progression of licensure: OYSA/US Club Soccer "F" License, OYSA/US Club Soccer "E" License, OYSA/US Club Soccer "D" License, then according to national progression.

Section 3. All coaches in the UUSC Competitive Program must have on a record at the OYSA/US Club Soccer office a valid OYSA/US Club Soccer "E" License. Such coaches who have attended or who are attending the required licensing clinic may apply for a waiver from the Board of Directors in order to continue coaching his/her team uninterruptedly for the season in progress.

Section 4. A new competitive coach must obtain an "E" License within his/her first year as a coach.

Rule 1904 Coach Behavior

- Section 1.** Coaching from the sidelines is subject to the following conditions:
- a. Coaching will take place within the coaches' box which is ten (10) yards from the half-way line and one (1) yard away from the touch line;
 - b. Coaching shall be consistent with the game of soccer. Language and attitude will be consistent with good sportsmanship. Misconduct of any kind, or the incitement and/or encouragement of violence shall not be tolerated under any circumstances and is subject to disciplinary action;
 - c. No mechanical, electrical, or other devices shall be used to amplify the voice;
 - d. A coach may not enter the field of play except on the referee's signal.

Section 2. Coaches shall not make any derogatory remarks or gestures whatsoever to the referees, linesmen, players, coaches or spectators. Coaches shall not use any profanity in speaking with players, coaches, referees, linesmen, or spectators. Coaches shall not incite in any manner disruptive behavior of any kind. Coaches shall not harangue or attempt to distract players, referees, or linesmen.

Section 3. Coaches shall be fully responsible for the conduct of his/her players, parents, and spectators as per Rule 1702, Section 1.

Section 4. Coaches shall not consume alcoholic beverages or smoke during any game or practice. Coaches shall not be under the influence of any illicit drugs or alcohol during any game or practice.

Section 5. Coaches shall be responsible at the conclusion of any game and/or practice for assuring that all litter generated by his/her team is collected and disposed of in a trash receptacle.

Section 6. Any coach who violates Rule 1904 whether cited or not by a referee will be subject to the disciplinary action of the Board of Directors and/or the Disciplinary Committee.

ARTICLE 20

Passes

Section 1. All players and coaches on a validly registered team shall obtain an appropriate identification pass which shall bear the individual's name, signature, team affiliation, and the appropriate UUSC official's signature.

Section 2. Only individuals properly registered and rostered in accordance with the Rules and Policies of UUSC and USYSA may be issued passes by OYSA/US Club Soccer.

Section 3. All identification passes issued by OYSA/US Club Soccer are the property of

the player and/or coach and must be surrendered upon the request of OYSA/US Club Soccer unless the player or coach fails to meet the requirements detailed in Rule 102, Section 7.

Section 4. No pass shall be issued to a coach without the voluntary submission and the successful clearance of a background screening.

Section 5. Passes shall be presented to the referee and, upon request, to the representative of the opposing team before each match. The referee may retain the passes until the conclusion of the match.

Section 6. Passes of any individual(s) ejected from any match shall be retained by the referee after the match. The pass of any individual who receives three (3) cautions (yellow card) during a playing season shall be confiscated by the referee at the conclusion of the match in which the individual receives the third caution. A referee shall also retain any pass which is not in compliance with Section 2 of this Article. The referee shall deliver all confiscated passes to UUSC or OYSA/US Club Soccer within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the match.

ARTICLE 21

Referees

Section 1. All recreational game referees must be approved and trained by the UUSC Rec Referee Coordinator.

Section 2. All competitive game referees will be provided through Douglas County Youth Soccer Organization (DCYSO).

ARTICLE 22

Awards and Social Functions

Section 1. UUSC approves of and encourages teams to hold awards banquets, picnics, parties, or other activities which help to build group unity, spirit, and camaraderie.

ARTICLE 23

Recreational Tournament Rules

Section 1. All matches shall be played in accordance with FIFA laws, with the following modifications:

Section 2. Age of participants:

All age groups will be strictly enforced. All teams should be registered in the age group for the current recreational soccer season. No added or extra players will be allowed during the tournament.

Section 3. Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship is to prevail at all times. Coaches will be held responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players, and players' parents. Each team shall have a coach present who is a responsible adult over 21 years of age. Please review red cards section below for consequences of inappropriate behavior.

Section 4. Uniforms/Equipment

Teams must have matching jerseys. Teams shall have an alternate set of jerseys or pinnies in case of conflicts. Shin guards covered by socks are required for all players at all times. No jewelry will be allowed.

Section 5. Games

U6: 8 minute halves with 5 minute halftimes; Three games played with no finals

U7: 12 minute halves with 5 minute halftimes; Three games played with no finals

U8: 12 minute halves with 5 minute halftimes; Three games played with no finals

U9: 15 minute halves with 5 minute halftimes; Two games played, then semifinal/final

U10: 15 minute halves with 5 minute halftimes; Two games played, then semifinal/final

U12: 15 minute halves with 5 minute halftimes; Two games played, then semifinal/final

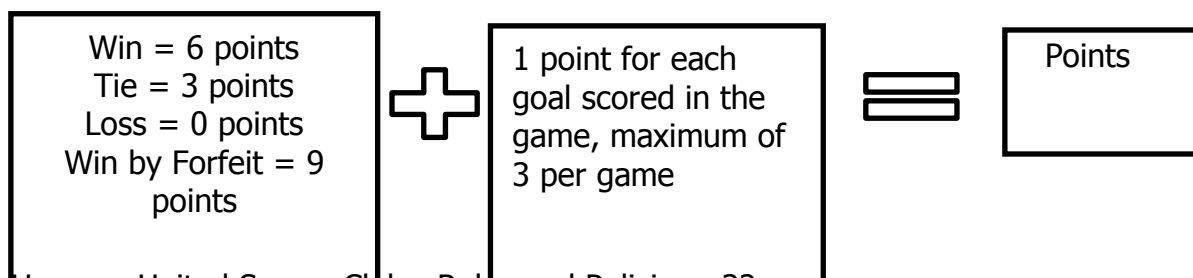
U14: 20 minute halves with 5 minute halftimes; Two games played, then semifinal/final

Section 6. Scores

Referees shall report scores to tournament headquarters immediately after each game. Coaches are required to sign score card at the end of each game to ensure that the correct score is reported. If a coach refuses to sign the score card, that team will not be awarded points from that particular game.

Section 7. Points System

Standings will be based on the following points system for each game:



Section 8. Tie Breaking

Ties in standings between two teams after bracket play shall be broken down in the following manner:

Two-team tie-breaker

Tie Breaker A

1. Head to head competition
2. Goal differential (max of 3 per game)
3. Goals scored (max of 3 per game)
4. Goals allowed (max of 3 per game)
5. FIFA penalty kick competition

Three-team tie-breaker: If there is a three-way tie in the standings after round-robin play, where each team has lost to one of the other teams. The three-team tie-breaker will be as follows:

Tie Breaker B

1. Goal differential (max of 3 per game)
2. Goals scored (max of 3 per game)
3. Goals allowed (max of 3 per game)
4. FIFA penalty kick competition

Once the three-way tie has been broken, Tie-breaker A will be used to break the tie between the two remaining teams.

Ties in the semi-final or championship match will be followed immediately by a penalty kick competition pursuant to the FIFA tie-breaking procedure. There will be no overtime.

Section 9. Scorekeeping

All official scores and standings will be kept at tournament headquarters.

Section 10. Red Cards

Any player receiving a red card shall be disqualified from play in the next scheduled match.

Any player receiving two red cards during the tournament shall be disqualified from the tournament. Any coach receiving a red card during bracket play, semi-final or final matches shall cause their team to forfeit the match. Referees shall report all red cards to tournament headquarters.

Section 11. Awards

For age groups U9 and up, teams finishing first or second place will receive individual

awards. Awards will be distributed to first and second place teams in divisions with championship games immediately after the championship game. There are no awards for third place, and there are no play-off games to determine third place.

Section 12. Dangerous Equipment

No equipment shall be work that is dangerous to another player (any cast constructed of hardened material, whether padded or not, is defined as being dangerous equipment).

Section 13. Appeals/Protests

The tournament field marshal shall resolve all protests. Protests about judgment calls of the referee will not be allowed. Only misapplication of a FIFA law will be considered. Protests about field, goal post or oher appurtenances of the game shall be entertained, only if written notice of such protest is provided to the referee and opposing coach prior to the game.

Section 14. Tournament Format

All teams in age groups U9-U18 will be divided up into brackets according to the amount of teams registered to play during the season. The first place winners of each bracket will play in a semi-final round. The first place winners of the semi-final round of play will play in the final round of the tournament to determine a first and second place team.

ARTICLE 24 Grievance Policy

Section 1. Complainant must submit the grievance in writing within thirty (30) days of the occurrence.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall meet within seven (7) days upon receipt of the grievance. If the matter cannot be resolved within seven (7) days, the complainant has seven (7) working days to file for a formal hearing with the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The grievance and the parties involved shall be published in at least one publication. All parties will be notified by telephone or mail within five (5) days of the date of the publication. The formal hearing shall take place fourteen (14) days after the date of the publication.

Section 4. The formal hearing shall last one (1) hour.

Section 5. The hearing panel shall consist of three (3) members of the Board of Directors and one (1) Sergeant at Arms.

Section 6. Each involved party shall be allowed no more than three (3) witnesses.

Section 7. No character witnesses shall be allowed. All witnesses shall discuss only the facts of the matter or shall be removed from further proceedings.

Section 8. The proceedings will be audio taped.

Section 9. The results of the hearing shall be conveyed to all interested parties involved within forty-eight (48) hours of the date and time of the hearing by telephone and by registered mail.

Section 10. The results of the hearing shall be published in at least one (1) publication.

Section 11. All appeals shall be directed to OYSA/US Club Soccer.

Section 12. No further hearing shall be allowed and no new evidence shall be received for consideration.

ARTICLE 25 Disciplinary Committee

Section 1. The UUSC Disciplinary Committee shall consist of three (3) members each of whom shall represent the separate groups of the Board of Directors, Coaches, and Referees. The Committee shall be appointed annually by the President and shall be chaired by the member representing the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Any referral to the Disciplinary Committee must be made by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The purpose of the Disciplinary Committee shall be to review allegations of misconduct by any person coming under the jurisdiction of UUSC who are not specifically the responsibility of the Grievance Committee or another specifically identified hearing body. The Disciplinary Committee shall also impose appropriate sanctions in those cases where the committee determines that misconduct has been proven. These sanctions include administering and enforcing the disciplinary rules of UUSC as well as any other rules of conduct established by UUSC that are not specifically the responsibility of the

Grievance Committee or another specifically identified hearing body. These rules include FIFA Laws of the Game and other written rules of play. Since UUSC is affiliated with USYSA and OYSA/US Club Soccer, the Disciplinary Committee shall also administer and enforce the rules of those bodies as they apply to UUSC officials and participants.

Section 4. Any Disciplinary Committee member shall not participate as a committee member in any hearing in connection with a disciplinary matter in which he/she may have a direct interest as determined by the Chairman of the Committee.

Section 5. The Disciplinary Committee may adopt such policies and procedures as it may determine to be appropriate and desirable. However, these policies and procedures must be consistent with UUSC Bylaws and these rules in order to carry out the committee's responsibilities hereunder. If any person desires to have any policy or procedure of the Disciplinary Committee adopted, amended, modified, revoked, challenged or reviewed, that person may do so by following the same procedure that is established for the review of adverse disciplinary action of the Disciplinary Committee.

Section 6. The Disciplinary Committee shall have jurisdiction over all players, coaches, referees, UUSC Board of Directors and club officials, and any other participant as is defined in Bylaw 102. Coaches and other team officials may be held responsible for the actions of any individual(s) at a match who is deemed to be a supporter of that team in the opinion of the referee.

ARTICLE 26

Disciplinary Rules

Section 1. Any player who receives a red card during a match shall be suspended from participating in the next match in which the player would otherwise be eligible to play. A player may receive more than a one (1) game suspension. Upon receipt of a second red card during a playing year, the player shall be suspended for two (2) matches. A player may receive more than a two (2) game suspension. If a player receives a third red card in the same playing year, the player shall be suspended indefinitely pending review and/or further action by the Disciplinary Committee.

Section 2. Any player who receives three (3) yellow cards during a playing year shall be suspended from participating in the next match in which the player would otherwise be eligible to play. This process will continue so that for each three (3) yellow cards a player receives in a playing year, the player shall be suspended after receipt of the third yellow card from participating in the next match in which he/she would otherwise be eligible to play.

Section 3. Any player, coach, or other participant receiving a total of six (6) or more yellow cards during the playing year shall be suspended from further participation in any UUSC administered, sponsored, supported, and/or supported activity or program until his/her actions are reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee. This review must be held within seven (7) days upon receipt of the report.

Section 4. The team head coach and assistant coach(es) must attend all disciplinary meetings in which his/her player and player's actions are being reviewed. If a head coach or assistant coach does not appear with his/her player, then that player will remain suspended until such appearance before the Disciplinary Committee occurs.

Section 5. The team head coach will be required to meet before the Disciplinary Committee and face possible disciplinary action after his/her second player appears before the Disciplinary Committee.

Section 6. Any coach who receives a red card and is ejected from any match shall be suspended from participating and/or attending the next match in which his/her team is eligible to play. A coach may receive more than a one (1) game suspension. Upon receipt of a second red card in the same playing year, the coach shall be suspended indefinitely pending review and/or further action by the Disciplinary Committee.

Section 7. Any player, coach, referee, or other participant who physically attacks and/or intentionally causes bodily harm to another player, coach, referee, or other participant shall be suspended from further participation in any UUSC administered, sponsored, supported, and/or sanctioned activity or program until his/her actions are reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee. This individual(s) may be further suspended, barred, or disciplined according to the decision of the Disciplinary Committee as ratified and/or modified by the UUSC Board of Directors, consistent with the rules and guidelines of the governing regional and national bodies.

Section 8. Assault upon a referee shall consist of any intentional and offensive physical contact. This assault shall include but not be limited to hitting, kicking, punching, choking, spitting at or on, grabbing, running into the referee, kicking or throwing any object at a referee that could inflict injury, damaging the referee's uniform, equipment or personal property.

Section 9. Verbal abuse upon a referee shall consist of any verbal statement or physical act which implies or threatens physical harm to a referee or a referee's personal property or equipment. This abuse shall include but not be limited to using foul or abusive language, spewing any beverage on a referee's person, equipment or personal property, verbal

threats or any other action deemed abusive by the Disciplinary Committee.

Section 10. Assault and/or verbal abuse upon any referee shall be subject to these definitions if the misconduct occurs before, during, and/or after any match, including travel to and/or from the match, or at other times that are directly related to duties of a game official as a referee.

Section 11. All misconduct reports must be submitted to the UUSC President, Vice-President, or a member of the Disciplinary Committee within three (3) days of the occurrence. The President or Vice-President shall convene the Executive Committee for possible referral to the Disciplinary Committee.

Section 12. The player, coach, or other participant committing an assault upon a referee shall be automatically suspended for at least one (1) year from the time of the act. If serious injuries are inflicted as a result of the assault, then the suspension shall be for five (5) years, or as defined by OYSA/US Club Soccer recommendations and/or guidelines.

Section 13. The player, coach, or other participant committing a verbal abuse upon a referee shall be automatically suspended for a minimum of the next three (3) scheduled matches in which he/she would otherwise be eligible to participate.

Section 14. In cases of reports of verbal abuse upon a referee, a hearing is held only when requested by the Disciplinary Committee.

Section 15. Any action taken by the Disciplinary Committee unless taken pursuant to Article 18, Rule 1804 and/or Article 25, Sections 12 and 13 may be appealed to the UUSC Protest and Appeals Committee in accordance with Bylaws 501, 502, 503, and 504, and Rules and Policies, Article 23.